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## **Headline: Top 10 Darwin and Design Science Stories of 2011**

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Access Research Network has just released its annual “Top 10 Darwin and Design Science Stories” for 2011.

Gaining top honors on the list was the publication of the 50<sup>th</sup> peer-reviewed pro-ID scientific paper. A major criticism of the intelligent design movement over the past decade has been the lack of scientific research and peer-reviewed scientific papers. The establishment of two ID research labs, [Biologic Institute](#) and the [Evolutionary Informatics Lab](#), along with a peer-reviewed scientific journal [Bio-Complexity](#), where the scientific merit of intelligent design claims can be examined, have helped accelerated the body of peer-reviewed scientific literature for ID. According to Dennis Wagner, ARN Executive Director “Together, these labs along with individual researchers have published [peer-reviewed pro-ID scientific papers](#) in journals such as *Protein Science*, *Journal of Molecular Biology*, *Theoretical Biology and Medical Modelling*, *Journal of Advanced Computational Intelligence and Intelligent Informatics*, *Quarterly Review of Biology*, *Cell Biology International*, *Rivista di Biologia/Biology Forum*, *Physics of Life Reviews*, *Annual Review of Genetics*, and multiple others. Collectively, this body of research is converging upon a consensus: complex biological features cannot arise by Darwinian mechanisms, but require an intelligent cause.”

Biomimetics, the field of science where man tries to mimic designs found in nature, made the top 10 list again this year with inventors from Harvard building a prototype butterfly and researchers in China reverse-engineering the woodpecker in order to build a better shock-absorbing system. “In order to reverse-engineer a system,” Wagner pointed out, “it has to be engineered in the first place. The butterfly and the woodpecker are just two examples of biological designs that are so complex, they defy the limited capabilities of Darwinian mutations and natural selection.

An online version of the ARN Top 10 Darwin and Design stories for 2011 with hyperlinks to original news sources can be found at [www.arn.org/top10](http://www.arn.org/top10).

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